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Regents approve admission standards

By KIM DESPINS

After much debate, the Board of Regents approved Saturday higher admission standards for the NU system.

The new admission standards will require incoming students to have completed four units of English, three units each of math, social studies and natural sciences, and one unit of additional requirements. The new requirements also include two units of a foreign language, which can be taken at the university but must be completed by graduation.

In addition to meeting the core course requirements, applicants must also be ranked in the top 50 percent of their graduating high school class, have received an ACT composite score of 20 or greater, or have received an SAT total score of 850 or greater.

At the meeting, George Garrison, chairman of the black studies department at UNO, opposed the new standards on behalf of the North Omaha Coalition for Better Education.

Garrison said the majority of people who oppose the new standards are "people who are more in touch with the grass roots of the black community."

According to Garrison, 28 percent to 30 percent of the students in the Omaha Public School (OPS) system are black, while less than four percent of UNO's students are black.

He said the dropout rate at UNO cannot be entirely attributed to the current admission standards.

"There are many other factors involved in finding out why students are not returning," Garrison said.

He cited financial aid and institutional racism as additional reasons minority students

leave UNO.

"Institutional racism is a fact of life," Garrison said.

Eddie Staton, a member of Mad Dads, opposed the new standards by asking the regents to look at them from a parent's point of view.

"I have a fear that if we do not be more careful with these standards, that we'll see more kids fall prey to the streets," he said.

Staton said some students may feel "locked out" of the university system because the higher standards keep them from qualifying.

Virgil Armendariz, Jr., representing the Latino Forum of Omaha, opposed the higher standards. Armendariz, a high school dropout, graduated from UNO in 1991. He said he was against the new standards because he felt they didn't give minority students a chance at an education. He also said institutional racism is a problem at UNO.

"I know the language," he said, "but it was really hard to communicate there."

The final speaker against the new standards was George Dillard, president and chief executive of the Urban League.

"What long range benefit and burden would this have on inner cities?" Dillard asked the board.

Dillard said he isn't against standards, but he wants those standards to be fair for all students. He said that those who came up with the new standards didn't "play fair."

UNO Chancellor Del Weber said the new policy was meant to help better prepare students for college.

"This policy is not being proposed to keep people out. It's to help them succeed in college."

New NU admission standards

English.....	Four years..
Math.....	Three years..
Social studies.....	Three years..
Natural sciences.....	Three years..
Foreign languages.....	Two years*

ACT score of 20 or higher
—or—
Graduate in upper half of high school class
*waived if student takes two semesters of foreign languages at the university.

—Dan Crawford

"I think we want to be fair about this," he said.

Leo Jones, NU executive vice president and provost, chaired a university-wide committee which studied the need for higher admission standards. He said the committee found that 19 percent of freshmen left the university with a GPA of less than 2.0. Overall, he said, 30 percent of all students leave with a GPA below 2.0.

"We need to focus on success," he said, "not only on admission."

He said high school teachers and counselors have told him the lower admission policy encourages students to take only the minimum classes required, which sometimes isn't enough. Students who aren't prepared, he said,

slow those students who are prepared.

"Students not prepared for college work have a negative affect in the classroom," he said.

Regent Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo said she was unhappy with the proposed policy. She introduced an amendment which would lower the math and science requirements at UNO and the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK). Both units would have to be completed before graduation from the university. Her amendment failed, 5-3.

Regent John Payne of Kearney opposed O'Brien's amendment because, he said, the "special merit" provision in the policy was

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Bus riding from the driver's seat

By JULIA M. YARRA

If you ask Bill Poole the most annoying thing about driving a shuttle bus, he answers without hesitating.

"They should get another bus," Poole says. "In the afternoons, there's only two drivers for all these kids and they can't all get on. I hate to see them standing out there in the cold."

Poole has been driving one of UNO's shuttle buses for the last five years. Before that, he drove the Metro Area Transit (MAT) buses. He says he'd still be driving for MAT if it wasn't for his birthday.

"I'll be 70 years old on Feb. 11, so I had to go," Poole says.

Behind the scenes

"You know I'd rather be making \$12 an hour than \$6 for doing the same thing."

Poole starts his shift at 10:15 a.m. He checks in at Chief School Bus Service where the buses are rented. Over his outfit of overalls, flannel shirt and ski vest, he wears a black nylon jacket with "Chief School Bus" stitched on it. I ask if he got the coat for his years of service and he immediately says no.

"They don't give these away for free. I bought this," Poole says. On the other side of the jacket, he points to a small pin above his stitched name which reads Safe Driver Award. "That's all they give you if you have no accidents for five years. You have an accident, you don't get nothing."

While waiting at the Ak-Sar-Ben pickup point, Poole reiterates how full the bus gets in the afternoons.

"I usually get a load at the first stop by the engineering building," Poole says. "If it's full enough, I might as well keep on going."

The shuttle bus he usually drives is chartered for a Lincoln



—Ed Carlson

One of Poole's stops includes the bus shelters outside of Arts and Sciences Hall.

trip, so at 2 p.m., he switches to drive a MAT bus. Sitting at the wheel, he fumbles a bit as he makes a grab at the air down at his right.

"Haven't driven one of these so long I don't even know where the brake is at," Poole admits. "In my bus, the brake's over here."

Before he heads back to campus, he drives by the Ak-Sar-Ben parking lot and gestures to more than one hundred cars.

"You see all these cars? All these kids are for just two people (bus drivers) in the afternoons," Poole says.

The first stop on campus is near the engineering building where one man stands with a bookstore bag and rolled-up map. As he boards the bus, Poole greets him.

"How ya doin'?" Poole asks.

"Okay," the student mumbles and walks to the middle of the bus.

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Clinton and Gore begin festivities

By ELIZABETH TAPE

The following is part one of a three part series on the presidential inauguration of Bill Clinton and contains opinions of the author.

Wow.

Of the millions of words in the English language, that is the only one that comes to mind to describe the events transpiring Sunday on and around the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The inaugural festivities of President-Elect Bill Clinton got under way with "America's Reunion on the Mall," the official opening ceremony of the 52nd presidential inauguration. The show, which was produced by Quincy Jones, featured some of America's most remarkable talents.

It was an impressive sight to gaze along the entire length of the Reflecting Pool in front of the Lincoln Memorial, a distance of nearly a mile, and witness a sea of faces numbering more than the entire population of Omaha. The atmosphere exuded excitement, thrill and good spirit, as the crowd patiently awaited the 3 p.m. start.

Then, with roars of delight, off in the distance came the sight of a caravan of about 10 buses arriving from behind the Lincoln Memorial, bringing Clinton, Vice President-Elect Al Gore, their families and others from their early morning trip to Monticello. A vast noise arose from the crowd as large video monitors, set up in several areas throughout the crowd, revealed Clinton getting off a bus and shaking hands with a large crowd behind the stage.

A short while later, family members filed in to take their place in the special section. Chelsea Clinton, with her own video camera, taped the events unfolding around her.

To the music of Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man," James Earl Jones came to the podium and introduced the afternoon's production.

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NU study shows growth at UNO

By KIM DESPINS

UNO has experienced the most growth during the last 10 years within the University of Nebraska system, a study released Saturday reported.

The report, released by the University of Nebraska Institutional Research and Planning Office, studied the trends of enrollment within the NU system. It said the enrollment at UNO has risen from 14,014 in 1982 to 16,227 in 1992.

UNO's share of enrollment in the NU system increased from 33.6 percent in 1982 to 37.3 percent in 1992.

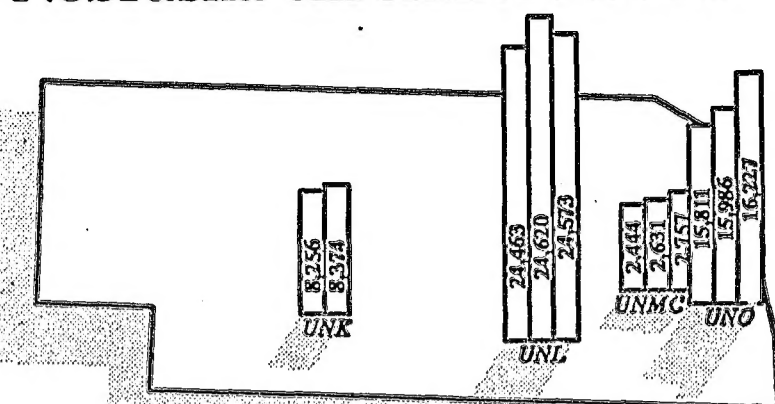
"I think it seems logical that UNO would be one of the institutions that shows the most improved growth in the system, because we are where the people are," said Richard Hoover, vice chancellor for educational and student services.

Hoover said UNO has many qualities which help attract students.

"I think when you add together all those different ingredients, the population, the quality, the proximity and the relatively reasonable cost, I think that's what leads to the kind of growth that we've got," he said.

Enrollment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln decreased from 25,075 in 1982 to 24,573 in 1992. UNL's share of total enrollment in the NU system fell from 60.2 percent

Nebraska enrollment trends



Enrollment figures by campus for 1990-93 from left to right, respectively. Figures for UNK for 1991-92 only. Data from the Jan. 1993 Institutional Research Brief, University of Nebraska.

—Graph by Don Crawford

in 1982 to 56.4 percent in 1992.

The University of Nebraska-Kearney, which entered the NU system in 1991 with 8,256 students, makes up 16.1 percent.

Enrollment at the Med Center has remained stable since 1982 with 2,564 students. In 1992, there were 2,757 students enrolled at the Med Center, an increase of 193 students.

The report also said the University of

Nebraska reached a record number in 1992 with 51,931 students. In 1982, enrollment in the NU system was 41,653.

Lee Jones, NU provost and executive vice president, said the report was the first done on the trends of enrollment in the NU system.

"It's important to take a look at how things were and how they are and what that suggests about the future," Jones said.



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Regent John Payne of Kearney, left, was re-elected chairman at Saturday's meeting. Payne has served as chair for the past year.

Doctoral program gets regents' nod

By KIM DESPINS

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents unanimously approved UNO's first doctoral program Saturday.

The proposal will establish a doctoral program in UNO's criminal justice department. The proposal will now go to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

UNO Chancellor Del Weber said the program will not only benefit graduate students, but also make more undergraduate classes available. He said many undergraduate classes will be taught by doctoral students, leaving more professors time to work with graduate students.

"I'm really proud to bring this program to you because I can think of no other program at UNO that is stronger than criminal justice," Weber told the regents.

Weber also expressed confidence in the faculty of the criminal justice department.

"The faculty is first-rate," he said. "This

program is ready to go."

Vincent Webb, chairman of the criminal justice department, said he was thrilled about the new program. He said the faculty has worked hard to develop the department and he is happy to see their work pay off.

"We couldn't be more pleased," he said. "We think it will make a real contribution to the state and to the university system."

Some of the regents questioned implementing the program because of budget constraints. Regent Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City expressed concerns about funding of the program.

"We have to realize that we're making decisions, and it's not free," she said.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa was supportive of the program.

"I think this program is going to pay off," she said.

The criminal justice doctoral program will be the only one located in the mid-section of the United States, according to a background statement. The

closest ones are at Michigan State, Arizona State and Sam Houston State in Texas.

The doctorate program will begin next fall.

The regents also approved plans for a Master of Arts in art history at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in cooperation with UNO. Currently, no graduate program in art history exists in the state, according to a background statement.

In other business:

• John Payne of Hastings was re-elected as chairman for the Board of Regents. Payne has served as chair for the past year.

Charles Wilson was elected vice-chairman.

• The regents honored Bob Devaney for his 31 years of service to the University of Nebraska. Devaney was head football coach for Nebraska, leading the team to two national championships. He was given the title athletic director emeritus after announcing his retirement as athletic director last month.

"It's been the best time of my life," Devaney said.

News Clips

Disabled Student Agency needs volunteers

The Disabled Student Agency is looking for dependable, responsible and flexible volunteers to provide a variety of services at the request of UNO disabled students.

Services would range from reading for blind students to escorting students in wheelchairs through snowy areas on campus between parking lots and the buildings where their classes are scheduled.

For information call the Disabled Student Agency at 554-2368.

ACA to meet Tuesdays at Student Center

Adult Children Anonymous will hold meetings at UNO on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center Board Room.

Adult Children Anonymous is a nationwide network of people who grew up with alcoholism, other dysfunctions and associated family problems. The group is not a religious or professional therapy organization. It provides the opportunity for people to talk about their problems in a comfortable and non-judgmental environment.

Forensics team places sixth at tournament

The UNO forensics team placed sixth in the Second Annual Bulldog Forensics tournament Saturday at Concordia College.

Julia Ybarr placed first in the program of oral interpretation. Rich Jones won second place in poetry.

Aeronautical meeting to feature speaker

The UNO Aeronautical Association will kick off its first meeting of the semester with a guest speaker from the Eppler control tower.

Drawings will be held for door prizes. The meeting will be held Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor of the Student Center.

Lift-Up II to hold an open house Tuesday

Lift-Up II is holding an open house on Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in CBA 308.

Lift-Up II implements alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs at UNO. The first event is "Talking About Alcohol — Driving Un-Impaired." The four-part series, which begins Jan. 21, will be held in the Student Center Crimson Room at 6 p.m.

Careers in math to be explored at meeting

Are you good at math? Do you enjoy learning statistics, calculus and topology? Would you like more information on what to do with these skills in the job market?

The UNO math department and the Career Placement Center will be discussing careers in mathematics Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. in the Student Center Board Room.

The meeting is sponsored by the Omaha Student Actuary Club.

For further questions call Dave at 554-2673.

Clinton and Gore, along with their families, then took their seats in a special viewing box on the side of the stage.

Jones spoke about Abraham Lincoln, and quoted speeches from his presidency. Edward James Olmos spoke from across the podium about Lincoln, also. And then, from a microphone high above all of the others, came the unmistakable voice of Jack Nicholson, who stood in front of the setting sun, offering his dramatic readings. This group was completed when Oprah Winfrey appeared center stage to include a comment from Lincoln on democracy, "As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master." Winfrey also read the lines etched in stone not far from where she stood.

"That government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth," it read.

A clip of John F. Kennedy's 1961 inaugural speech followed on the giant video screens. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. then took the stage and read from Arthur Schlesinger's account of

Kennedy's first day in office.

The music that followed was provided by Kenny Rogers, Trisha Yearwood, Reuben Blades, Maria Conchita Alonso, Ashford and Simpson, and James Ingram.

Ted Danson spoke about ecological issues before Bob Dylan came on stage to sing "The Chimes of Freedom."

Whoopi Goldberg was another entertainer to appear, and, with Sidney Portier, Lauren Bacall and others, began a series of dramatic readings from leaders and academicians, including Eugene McCarthy and Margaret Mead.

Goldberg stepped into the role of comedian, amusing the audience with talk of "hair going" and "wax flying" backstage. She took the opportunity to congratulate Clinton, and even did a little whistling, explaining she absolutely would not sing in the presence of other, more renowned, performers.

Things back on track, Lauren Bacall introduced Gore, who

spoke about "remembering our past and celebrating our future." Gore then introduced Clinton, who promised the crowd he would "renew our pledge to the reunion of America," to make it a place where "there is a table for all."

The festivities came to a conclusion as all the performers took the stage with a spirited rendition of "We Are The World." Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson lent their voices to the chorus led by Quincy Jones.

The afternoon was closed with a fireworks display from a barge in the Potomac River, which created a visually stunning backdrop to the beautiful edifice of the Lincoln Memorial.

Despite the late hour, audience members were dancing in the street in front of the Memorial. The gleeful crowd soon headed off as workers began to restore the Lincoln Memorial to its usual austere and silent appearance.

And this was only the first day of the inaugural festivities.

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Clinton must be made aware

If there was anything to be learned from the end of the Cold War, it is that the world remains a very dangerous place.

Iraq more than emphasized this point two weeks ago when it broke several U.N. resolutions which it had agreed to accept. First was the flight of the two Iraqi jets into the no-fly zone covering southern Iraq (which resulted in one plane being shot down.) Then came the Iraqi mobilization of rocket launchers south of the 32nd parallel, which were turned back by threat of retaliation from the United States. But this threat did not deter Iraq from crossing the border into Kuwait to pick up weapons left behind from the Gulf War — which led to the bombing by the U.S., France and Britain a few days ago.

Iraq has never given up on its claim to Kuwait and is just waiting for the right moment to get back there.

Then there's Bosnia-Herzegovina, which is only the tip of the ice-berg in world-wide cultural hatred. Pakistan and India, Azerbaijan and Armenia, Lithuania and Latvia — these are a few of the regions where war can break out on a moment's notice because of pent-up ethnic rage. The practice of ethnic cleansing, the abuse and torture of Bosnians in "detention camps" and the sexual assault on Muslim women by the Serbian militia are examples of atrocities that can become commonplace in the next few years.

Somalia is another illustration of man's inhumanity to man and serves as a warning of the trouble brewing in Africa. At this very moment as our troops are busily disarming the thugs running

STEPHEN McINTYRE
columnist

around in Mogadishu, the same thugs are rearming themselves with weapons from across the Somali border in Ethiopia and Kenya. Concurrently, extremists in Algeria, Egypt, and South Africa are preparing for civil war — all in the name of religion or race.

As if these afflictions were not enough, China is making a big stink over the amounts of capital flowing out of Hong Kong before the former nation's impending takeover.

Ukraine has threatened it will not comply with any arms agreements unless guaranteed so much in Western (primarily American) aid. And of course Cuba, which no longer receives help from the Soviet Union, is showing signs of economic strain which could develop into an immediate threat for us in the near future.

All of these present-day crises and potential wars spell out the need for a strong defense on our part. America must have a powerful military if it is to deal quickly and efficiently with the troubles of the world. Unfortunately, however, America's new leadership appears to be on the wrong track.

Although Bill Clinton has repeated himself continuously in his support over the relief efforts in Somalia, voiced his disdain for the tactics used by Saddam Hussein and has called for "surgical strikes" in Serbia to end the war there, he seems bent on reducing the number of military personnel serving overseas and on reducing the Pentagon's budget. Even his pick for Secretary of Defense, Les Aspin, known on both sides of the Congressional aisle as a "hawk," agrees that the military needs trimming. But the question that arises in response to that thought is, "At what cost to the military and America?"

Certainly, the military in some areas could use some paring, particularly in the funding of projects that are either outdated or are just a waste of resources. At the same time, though, the president must remain aware that our reductions can provoke boldness even in the most minor of dictators who are waiting for their turn in the spotlight: in North Korea, in Iran, in Angola, in Cambodia, and elsewhere. We cannot reduce the military's strength to the point of inadequacy if we are to deal with these threats effectively.

Additionally, Clinton and his staff members, particularly Warren Christopher, must have some backbone if they want to deal with the world's hostilities head on. There should be no turning back once a commitment is made. The object of combat is victory, and anything short of victory can provide trouble in the future (the Gulf War is testament to that.)

Lastly, the President should have some guiding principles concerning foreign policy before entering the world scene. Perhaps he could borrow those guidelines set out by President Bush in his address to the cadets at West Point earlier this month: "Using military force makes sense as a policy where the stakes warrant, where and when force can be effective, where its application can be limited in scope and time, and where the potential benefits justify the potential costs and sacrifice." Let's see if Clinton can learn from his predecessor.



Pull the plug, not the switch

The following is a response to Daren Schrat's column (Gateway, Jan. 15) on capital punishment.

If abortion is America's number one controversial issue, then capital punishment would probably have to rank second. Yet, while polls indicate that a fair majority of Americans favor abortion in at least limited instances, polls also indicate that an overwhelming majority of Americans favor capital punishment, at least, for society's worst murderers.

While the acts of Harold Lamont Otey, John Joubert, and their like sicken Nebraskans and cry out for an "eye for an eye" justice, I have just a few points to make as most of us point thumbs up on their execution.

First, there is the argument, mentioned by Schrat, that there is danger in giving such murderers life imprisonment, as they might kill again. Theoretically, this would be true. Realistically, however, when such murderers are sequestered in a maximum-security state prison, with special security focuses on them, their chances of escape and further killing are virtually nonexistent. Furthermore, if there is still concern that such murderers are threats to society, there are physical things that we could do to them that are far short of death. I don't advocate this, but a permanently debilitating drug could be administered to an imprisoned murderer that would not necessitate death in order to keep the inmate from further killing.

Second, Schrat points out the argument that denying a convicted killer his promised execution is grossly unfair to the family of the victim. For one who subscribes to the ancient value of "an eye for an eye," this makes perfect sense. However, in today's post-industrial society, this "eye for an eye" justice and logic has largely been set aside. If someone was convicted of aggravated assault, we would think it barbaric if corrections officers took the convicted inmate into a special cell and proceeded to beat the inmate senseless with a crowbar. If we abhor violence as a form of punishment, yet really feel that it is necessary for brutal murderers, we could chop off a few appendages of such murder-

ers in addition to giving them life terms. Again, I don't advocate this, but the family of the victim would get a longer period of enjoying the existence of an inmate who is made to really suffer.

Lastly, Schrat makes statements relating to capital punishment's effectiveness: "We really don't know if capital punishment is a deterrent to crime. We don't do it enough to find out." Keeping us from finding out, more than anyone else, are said to be the lawyers. The lawyers — mostly Lincoln-based — who are defending Nebraska death row inmates have done so on a mostly *pro bono* (free) basis. Additionally, defending these inmates is generally not an image builder for them — keep in mind that most big clients of lawyers support the death penalty and are not fans of brutal murderers.

The state of Nebraska has a rather unique motto: "Equality before the law." Schrat feels that this equality has been tarnished

ANOTHER VIEW capital punishment

by "bleeding heart opponents" of capital punishment. While there may indeed be some "spineless judges" and "immoral lawyers" in the state,

and even a few radical "bleeding hearts," I think that they are the exception to the rule. I don't favor seeing Otey and his death row companions ever released. What they did disgusts me. I feel very deeply for the victims — dead and living. However, the inherent nature of capital punishment, coupled with Nebraskan and Midwestern civility (not spinelessness) makes execution difficult in Nebraska. If you had a family member on death row, would you avail yourself of the state's appeals process on behalf of that family member? You probably would.

If the death penalty were any other state program — such as an agricultural program or an urban-renewal program — it would have been abolished long ago due to its inherent problems. Trying to fix something that can't be fixed only guarantees that the state will waste even more money on it. As for "old sparky" in the Nebraska penitentiary, we would do better to pull on the plug, instead of on a stuck switch.

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As more passengers board and exit, I notice some students recognize Poole and call him by name.

"Hey Bill," a tall man in a trenchcoat says as he mounts the steps, "what're you doing with this bus?"

At the third stop outside the Eppley Administration Building, two cars are parked in front of the no parking sign and four more are parked behind it. Poole honks for them to move, but no one is in the first car.

"That's always been a problem," Poole says. "Now I'm upon the curb just trying to get by them. That's what security should be taking care of."

The first two afternoon trips carry 19 passengers. Poole says the number is usually higher.

"If it wasn't Friday, you'd be surprised," Poole says. "The worst days are Tuesdays and Thursdays; Fridays are the easiest."

On the third trip around 3 p.m., 37 people crowd onto the bus and four are left to wait. Poole says this is normal.

"There's a heck of a lot more students riding this bus now than were last year," Poole says. "It's better than trying to fight for a space and risk getting a \$20 ticket. I don't want to give them a dollar, much less \$20."

After dropping the students at Ak-Sar-Ben, Bill heads back to campus for his fourth afternoon run. The loud hum of the engine combines with the squeak of Poole's seat. Cracks in Happy Hollow Boulevard cause the bus to rattle and shake violently. A car rounds the turn a bit too quickly and Poole steers the bus to the side.

"Look at this fool here," Poole says. "These kids up here drive like maniacs. They pull right out in front of you and if it's slick, you can't stop. I'm surprised they don't have more accidents up here the way these kids drive."

Although Poole says he's never caused an accident, he did say he thought he was unjustly ticketed while driving the shuttle.

"There was a time," Poole begins, "it was the week before school got out and I was making my last run. I was turning on to Happy Hollow and a girl slid 65 feet through the light and hit the front of the bus. She was flying and I get ticketed \$30 for failure to yield right-of-way. Over five years and I've never had any accidents. I'm going to court to fight it."

This trip doesn't have as many passengers; a total of three. As the bus pulls out from the last stop at the Arts and Sciences Hall, a little kid sits on top of a snowbank in the parking lot. Poole waves to him, and the kid responds by feebly flipping a snowball at the bus.

"I knew he was going to do that," Poole laughs.

At Ak-Sar-Ben, Poole gets out of the bus to stretch his legs. He walks over to the trash barrel and withdraws a half-full bottle of soda from the snowbank behind it.

"We got our own deep-freeze over here," he says as he takes a drink.

Because of the demand for punctuality in the shuttle bus schedule, Poole doesn't get any official breaks.

"You don't get any breaks," Poole says. "You keep driving while you eat and stop off at UNO or a convenient mart for the bathroom. The only break you get is when you go home."

After sitting on the bus for almost three hours and making six trips, I'm already getting tired of seeing the same houses, cars and streets. I tell Poole that I can't imagine how he tolerates it eight hours a day, five days a week.

"It gets worse," Poole jokes.

Poole drives by Ak-Sar-Ben's parking lot once more to show how many cars are still there at 4:15 p.m. After rapidly counting, I estimate there's about thirty cars left.

"Thirty-two," Poole corrects.

At 5:15 p.m., Poole prepares for his last run. He walks up and down the aisle, stopping to pick up a discarded Gateway. As he waits for the other bus to come back, he steps outside for a cigarette. The other shuttle pulls up at 5:18 p.m. and Poole notes he must've picked up someone otherwise he would have driven to Chief School Bus Service. Turning onto 60th Street, headlights line both sides of the road and Poole has to wait five minutes for a break in traffic.

"This is always a busy time of evening," Poole sighs.

There are only two people waiting for this last bus. Poole makes his last drive for the day back to Ak-Sar-Ben. Instead of dropping the passengers off at the gate, Poole personally drives each student to their cars. Just as he greets everyone who boards his bus, he tells everyone goodbye.

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Winter at the zoo



John Webster, Jennie Boydston and Tessa Boydston take a Saturday stroll at the zoo.

Many people think a trip to the zoo is a summer activity. But if you ask Randy Wisthoff, the best time to visit is in the winter.

"It's the ideal time of the whole year to visit because attendance is down," Wisthoff said. "Especially seeing the new rainforest; it's like visiting the tropics."

Randy Wisthoff is the assistant director of Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo. The entire zoo covers 110 acres its the newest addition, the Lied Center, covers an acre and a half.

"It's the largest exhibit of its kind," Wisthoff said. "It's all enclosed so it's like a big green house."

The Lied Center officially opened in April 1992 and contains species from Asia, Africa and South America, Wisthoff said. To further create the environment of a jungle, some of the animals run loose while a majority of them are enclosed by water and glass.

"In the summer, we try to limit the amount of people in there at one time," Wisthoff said. "But in the winter, there's no problem (with overcrowding) and you can walk through the jungle at a leisurely pace."

Even though attendance is higher in the warm seasons, the zoo continues to keep all of its exhibits open year-round. Of the estimated 475 species, only one is secluded from the public.

"The elephants are in a building that the public doesn't have access to," Wisthoff explained. "That's because they can't handle the cold weather."

The newest attractions to the zoo are two lion cubs. The cubs were born last fall and are housed in the nursery, Wisthoff said. Before the lion cubs, twin baby gorillas lived there.

"One of the twins is living in the gorilla building and the other is in Columbus, Ohio," Wisthoff said. "They're both in family units, but one belonged to us and the other belonged to Columbus."

According to Wisthoff, the main attractions during the winter are the jungle and the aquarium. The zoo plans to begin construction on a larger aquarium this spring, as the present aquarium cannot house all the fish and aquatic mammals.

"We're going to shut this one down," Wisthoff said. "The new aquarium will be a two-year project, so we plan to reopen in the spring of 1995."

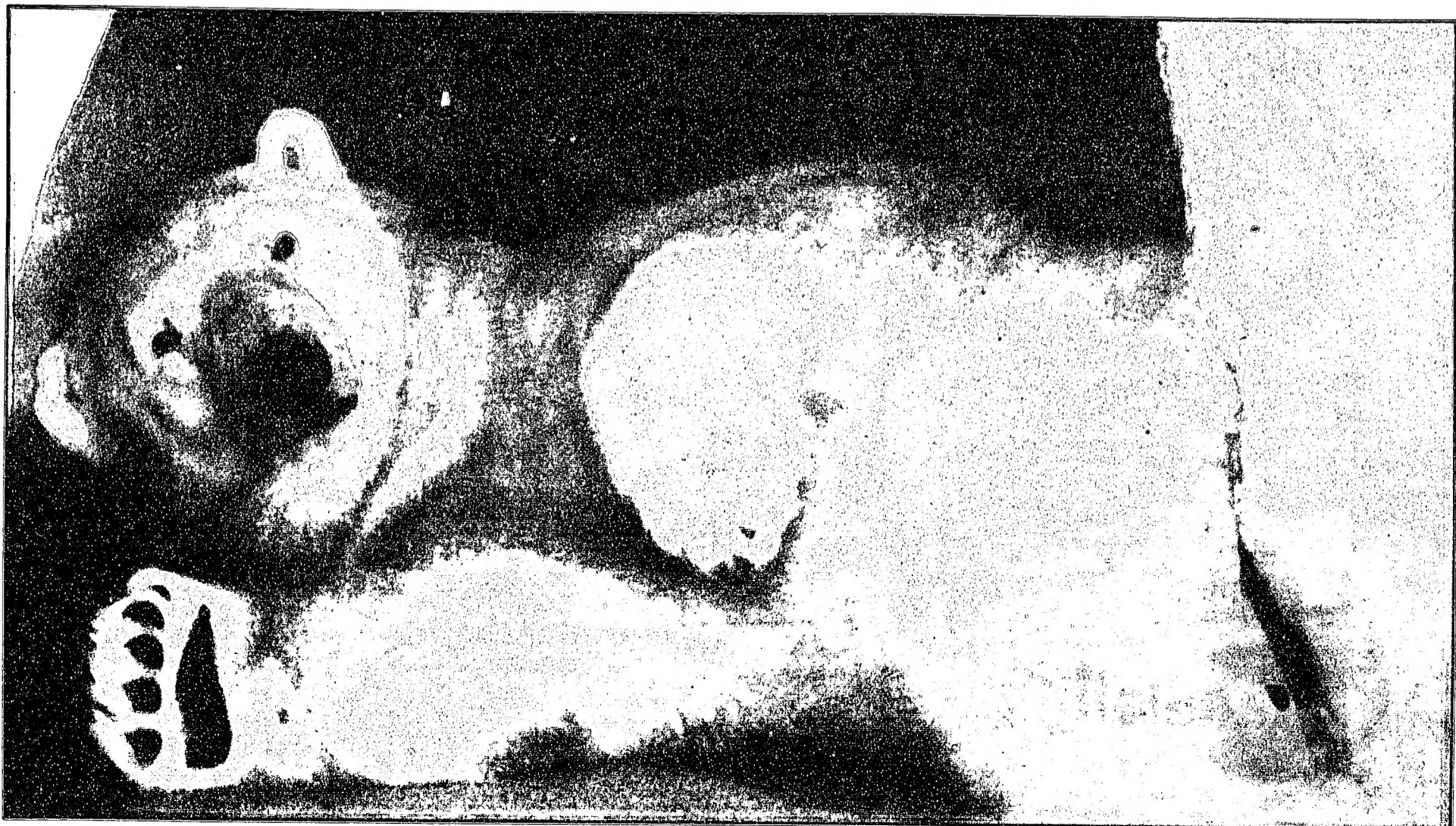
The Lied Center and the aquarium are two of the many exhibits at the zoo, Wisthoff said. Others include the petting zoo of barnyard animals and the cat house. With its exotic animals and enclosed greenhouse, a trip to the zoo in the winter could indeed be a visit to the tropics.



Carry McBride, daughter of Kim and Bill N

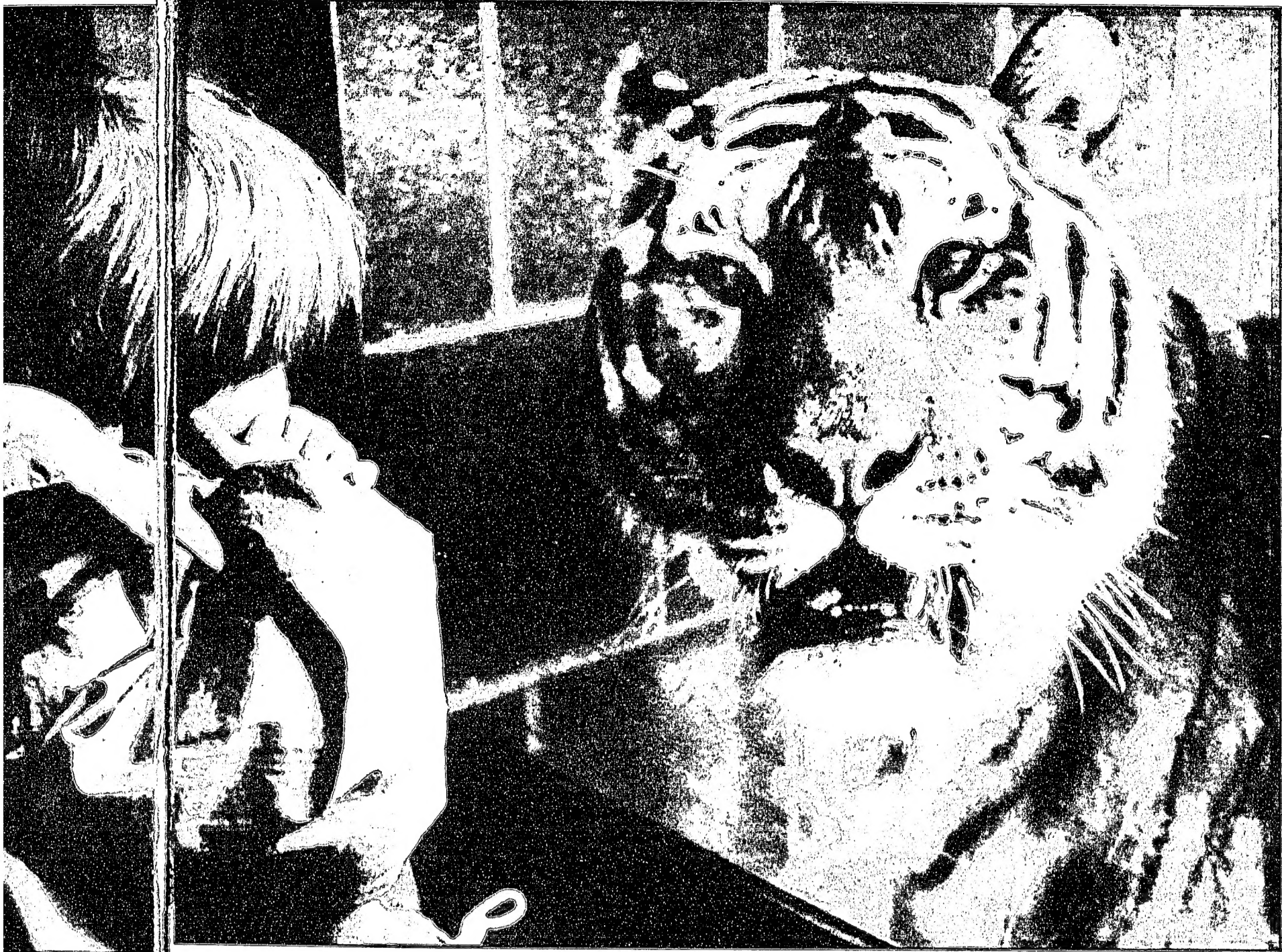
The sea lions, right, sing the song a polar bear awakens after taking

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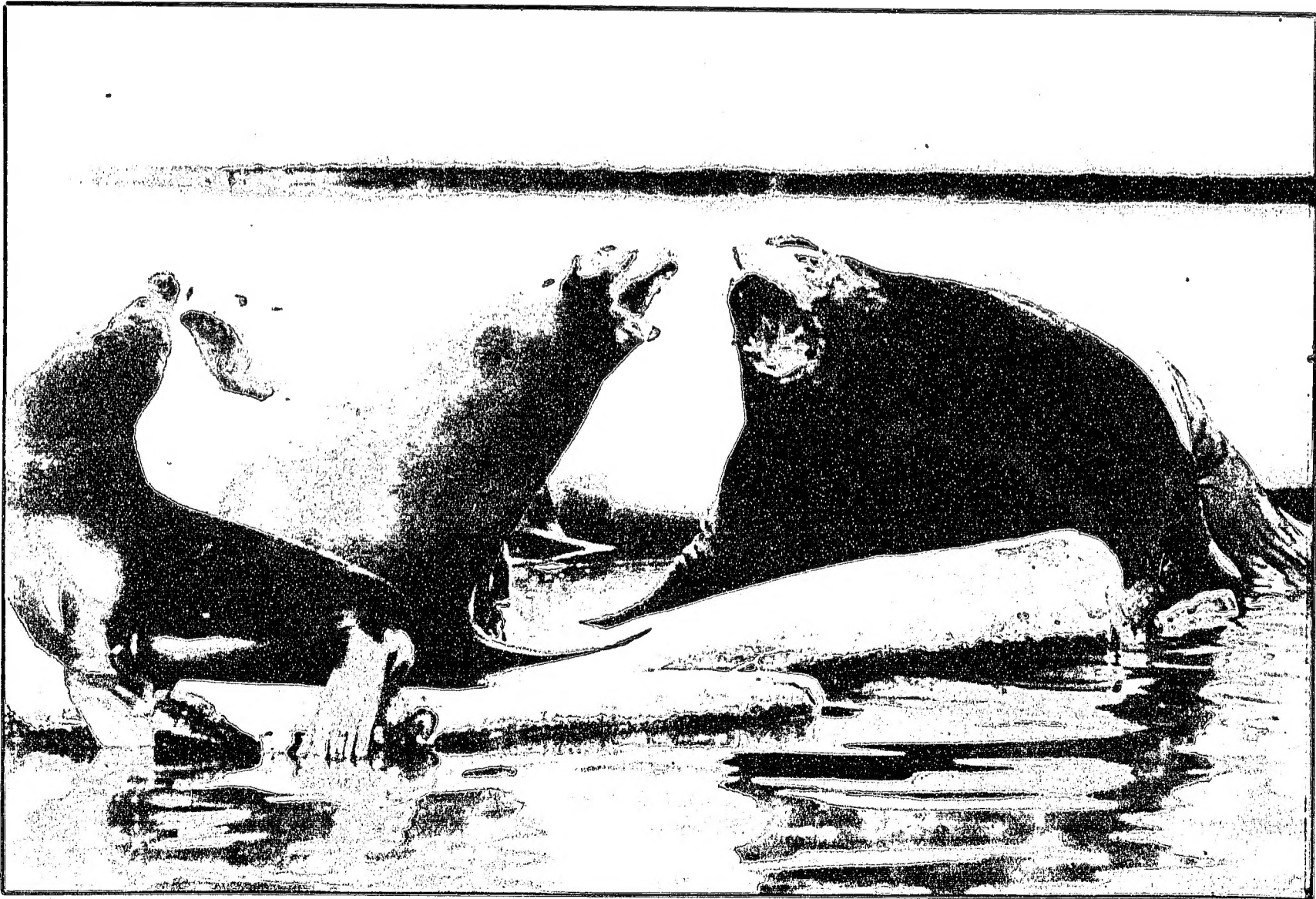
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McBride, daughter of Kim and Bill McBride, hides her eyes from a tiger who decided to say "hi."

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Story: Julia Ybarra

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Health officials hope to boost blood donations

By ELIZABETH TAPE

In a room at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, a mother of three sits with a low platelet count, a situation that could cause a life-threatening bleeding episode at any moment.

The patient, who is battling a non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, travelled from her home in New York to receive treatment at the Medical Center on the recommendation of a physician.

Dr. Philip J. Bierman, assistant professor of medicine in the section of Oncology-Hematology, said the patient may be cured of her lymphoma if she can be sustained through the period of low blood counts as her bone marrow recovers from the treatment.

The patient's problem with her platelets, Bierman said, has resulted from the low counts caused by her treatment, compounded by the difficulties they have encountered in transfusing

her with donated platelets.

"She has made an antibody to an antigen on most platelets, which destroys the platelets we give her," Bierman said.

If someone were found to be an acceptable donor, the process of donating could be accomplished in two different ways, Bierman said. Whole blood can be taken from a donor, and from that donation, platelets can be removed. "The procedure requires about an hour — it's called 'random donor platelets.'"

To achieve the same number of platelets, the Red Cross can obtain from one pheresis session, Warkentin said, might require gathering platelets from as many as a couple of hundred donations of whole blood.

Most individuals are eligible to donate blood, Bierman said, with some significant exceptions. Despite this, Warkentin said, it is estimated that only 5 to 6 percent of the population account

for almost all of blood donated.

Those seeking to donate blood must meet certain criteria, Warkentin said. First, they must be between the ages of 17 and 65. There are conditions which exclude people from being considered as donors. "People with any exposure to AIDS, or any kind of AIDS high-risk behavior, such as intravenous drug use, homosexual or bisexual activity, or those not feeling well, those on antibiotics, those with cancer or heart disease and those with a history of hepatitis should not donate blood."

Bierman urges everyone who meets donor criteria to consider donating blood. "Here in Omaha, and everywhere, we need need blood donors and platelet donors. Our need is particularly great because we have one of the biggest transplant programs in the country. It's not just bone marrow transplants, but liver, pancreas and kidney transplants also. The transplant patients need large amounts of blood, and we cannot treat them without volunteer donors."

During January, National Blood Donor Month, Warkentin said she and her colleagues hope to increase the estimated 5 to 6 percent of the population who donate blood. "There are no substitutes for healthy donors giving blood and there's no way we could do most of the treatments, especially bone marrow transplants, without a constant supply of blood products from healthy people. There are no substitutes for red blood cells or platelets. It's only these generous gifts that make it possible."

Those interested in being tested as a possible donor for the patient in this story can contact her family at 559-4531. For more information about blood donations call the American Red Cross at 341-2723.

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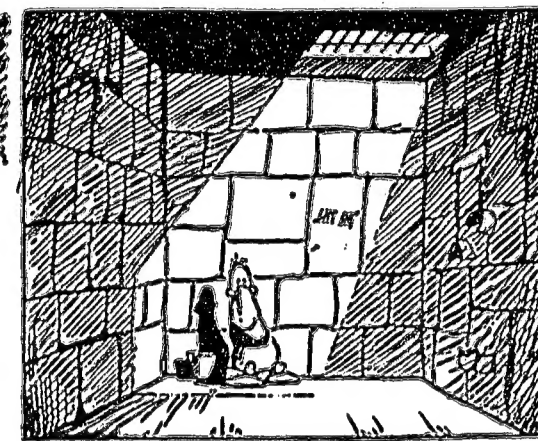
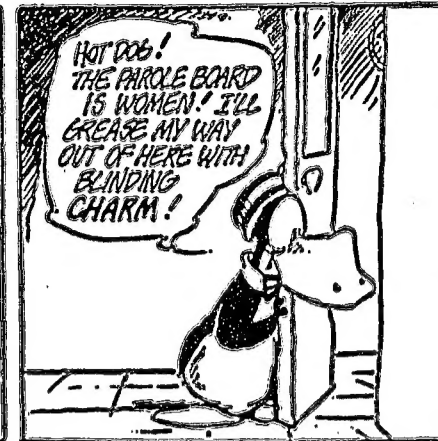
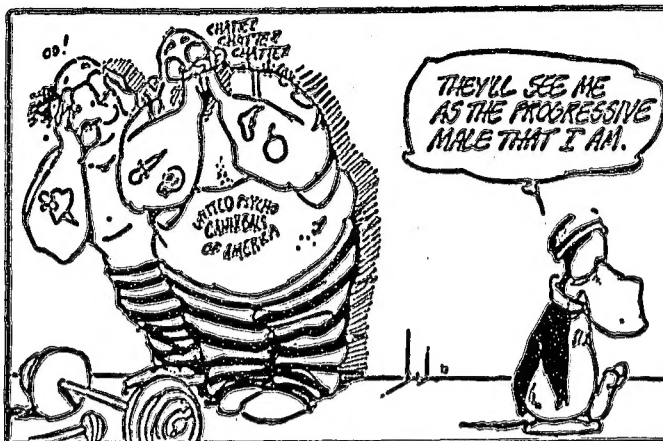
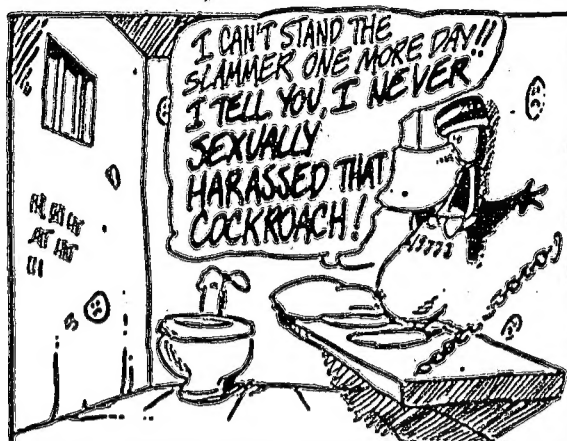
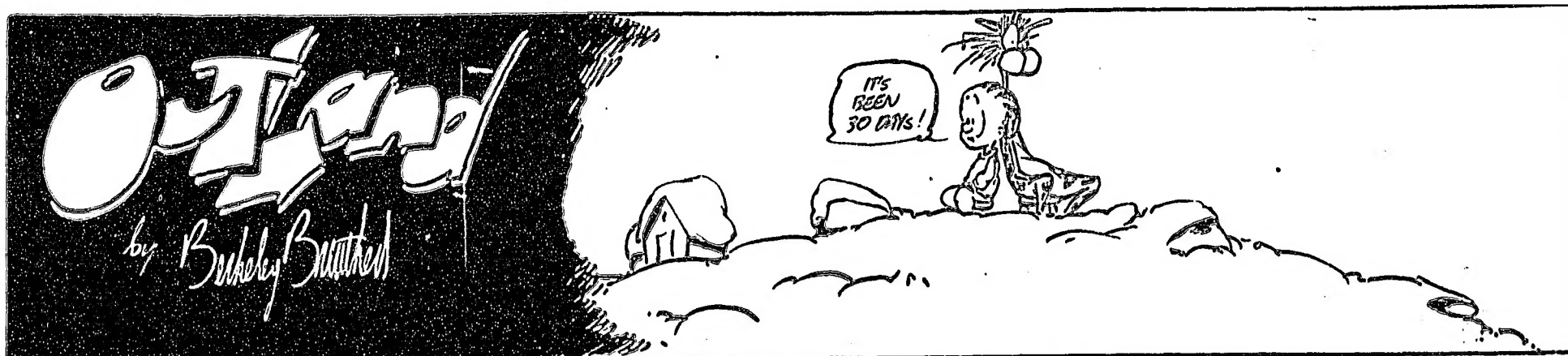
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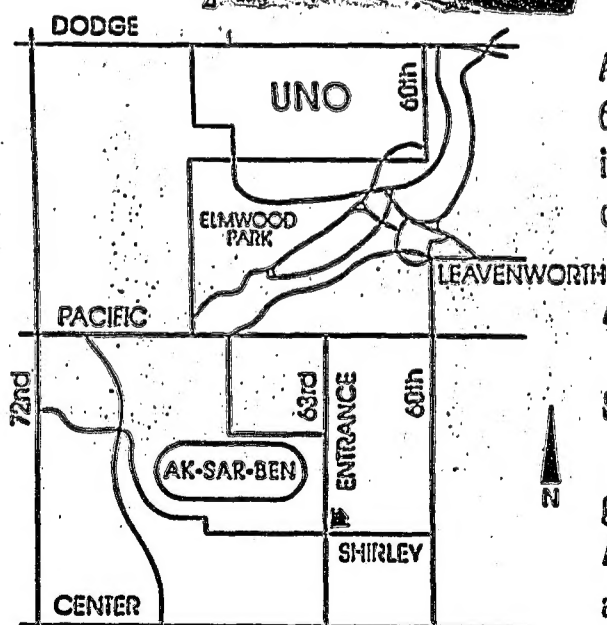
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Grapplers pin down victory over MSU

By TIM ROHWER

The UNO wrestling squad won its first dual match of the season Saturday by defeating Mankato State University (MSU) 23-10 at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The Mavs, ranked seventh in the nation in Division II, won seven of 10 matches against MSU. UNO improved its record to 1-1, while MSU, ranked No. 14, fell to 7-1.

Going into the match, UNO Coach Mike Denney said he was confident of his team despite a loss to Central Oklahoma State University the previous week.

"We've got talent. We have five guys ranked in the top 10 of their weight divisions," Denney told a luncheon audience Thursday.

UNO started off to a 14-0 lead by winning the first four matches. The Mavs got the wins from Jimmie Foster at 118 lbs., Jeff Sill at 126 lbs., Marc Bauer at 134 lbs., and Steve Costanzo at 142 lbs. Bauer had the only pin of the match, pinning Jason Dehning of MSU in the third period.

After MSU trimmed the lead to 14-10, the Mavericks clinched the victory with wins from Dan Radik at 177 lbs., Pat Kelly at 190 lbs., and heavyweight Darin Teltz. Teltz improved his record to 8-2 since Christmas break, including a 4-0 record in the Maverick Open last weekend.

MSU's victories came from Jim Gale at 150 lbs., Justin Smith at 158 lbs., and Gregg Nelson at 167 lbs. Nelson defeated UNO's Tony DeGeorge in sudden death overtime.

"We performed well. Mankato State was a good team," Denney said. "We were sharper, our performance was better. We have improvement in every weight level. The team is real solid all the way through."

This was the seventh meeting overall between the two North Central Conference (NCC) schools with UNO holding a 7-1 advantage in the series, including last year's 22-21 victory.

The match was held in Council Bluffs in conjunction with the metro area high school tournament.

"There were 18 high school teams there besides us. The people there really enjoy it and our kids had fun, too," he said.

On Friday the Mavs will return to the mat hosting a three-team match at the Fieldhouse. The Mavs' opponents will be



—Ed Carlson

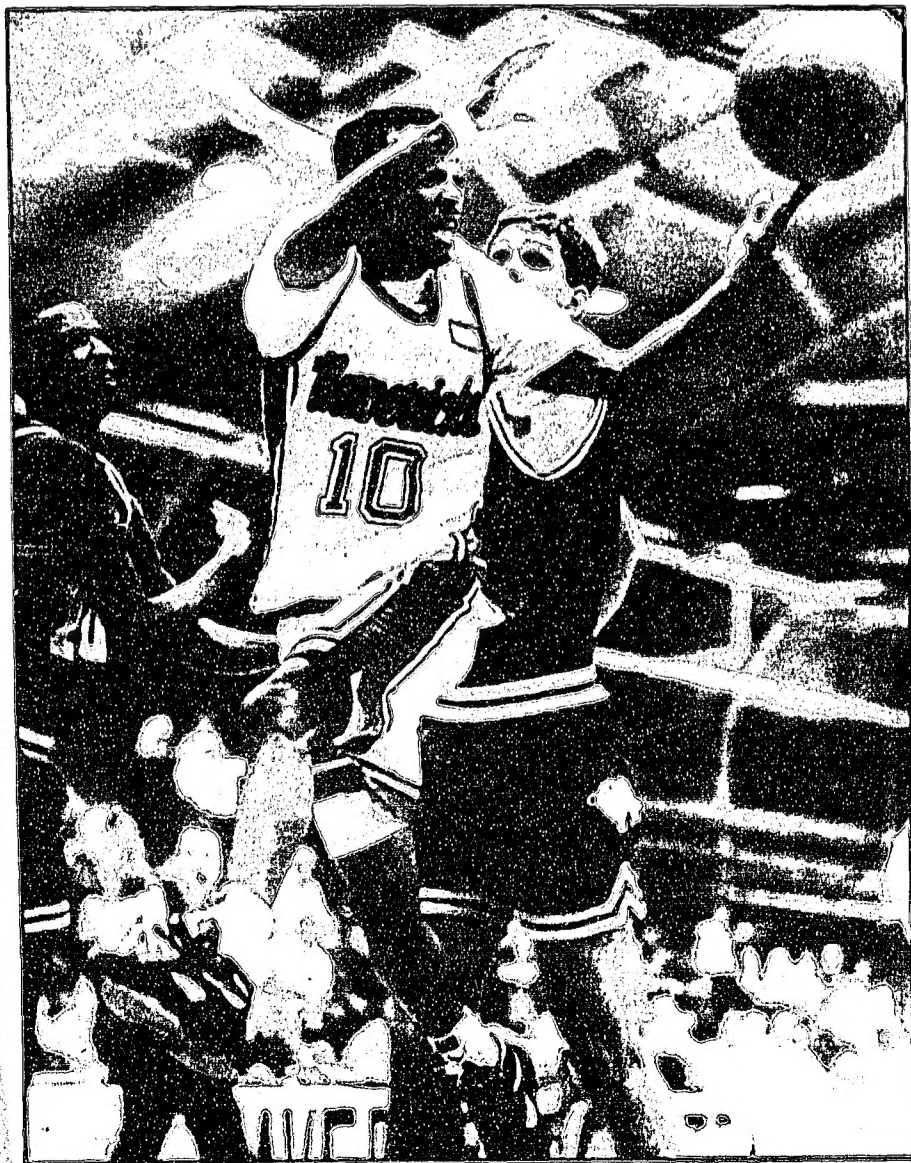
UNO heavyweight wrestler Dan Carriker is taken down by an opponent in the Maverick Open last weekend.

the University of North Dakota and Central Missouri State University. The match will begin at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, UNO will host North Dakota State University at 7 p.m. The Bison are currently ranked No. 1 in the nation in Division II, according to Amateur Wrestling News.

"Our rivalry with North Dakota State is real intense," Denney said.

Saturday's match will be the final regular season home appearance for the Mavs, who will wrestle their next eight dual matches away from home before returning Feb. 21 as the host team for the NCC Tournament.



—Ed Carlson

UNO guard Ron Walker, No. 10, catches the ball on the run between two North Dakota State players in Friday night's game. UNO lost 61-58.

Mavericks drop two to North Dakota squads

By TIM ROHWER AND ERIC JOHNSON

Like the previous week, the UNO men's basketball team suffered another loss with a 61-58 defeat to the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Bison Friday night in the Fieldhouse.

But unlike the previous week, the Mavs took their opponents down to the last second.

Coming off a 83-52 setback to the University of Northern Colorado the previous week, the Mavs played even with the Bisons, 5-7 coming into the game, throughout the contest. UNO had a chance to tie the score at the final buzzer but a three-point shot by Ryan Elrod fell short.

Despite the loss, Mav Coach Bob Hanson said his team is getting better.

"We played hard. There's definitely an improvement," Hanson said. "All losses are tough, but nobody promised them it would be easy."

The Mavericks got off to a quick start, scoring the first six points. When Elrod, a junior guard, hit a 15-foot jump shot with three minutes gone, the Mavericks had an eight point lead at 10-2.

That's when Bison senior forward Jeff Griffin, who would score a game-high 19 points, took over.

Griffin scored on a reverse layup and a five-foot shot shortly thereafter and the Mavs' advantage was cut to four.

Griffin's teammates continued to chip away at the Mavs' lead with freshman forward Jeff Stevens scoring the go-ahead basket for NDSU at the 11:22 mark in the first half, making the score 19-17 for NDSU.

The remainder of the half saw the lead change hands several times with the score tied 31-31 at the intermission.

The second half began like the first half, with the Mavs getting out to a quick lead. Elrod scored two free throws at the 16:09 mark to give UNO a five point lead at 39-34.

But again it was Griffin who would start the NDSU comeback by scoring on a 15-foot jumper at the 14:55 mark to cut the Mavs' lead to three points.

Baskets by NDSU's senior forward Troy Hartmann and junior guard Rob Stefanowicz put the Bison back into the lead at 47-43 with a little more than nine minutes to play.

Still, the Mavericks took the lead back several times thereafter, including a one point lead at 54-53 with a little less than three minutes remaining.

NDSU's junior guard Ross Manson, though, spoiled UNO's upset bid by putting his team back into the lead with a basket at the 2:23 mark and the Bison never trailed again.

UNO's senior guard Tony Stubblefield scored with eight seconds remaining to cut the lead to 61-58. After UNO was able to get

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Pressure prevents win against North Dakota

By ERIC JOHNSON

In their quest for their first conference victory of the season, the Lady Mavericks came up empty handed.

UNO lost to North Dakota State University (NDSU) 88-56 Friday and to the University of North Dakota (UND) 64-57 Saturday. The losses dropped their record to 3-10 on the season and 0-5 in conference play.

NDSU started strong Friday night, slowing UNO down with full court presses and fast breaks.

It was a three point shot by freshman guard Stacy McArthur at the nine minute mark that got the Lady Mavs going. It wasn't enough, though, as NDSU went to the locker room at halftime leading 45-21.

The second half saw the Lady Mavs stop NDSU's fast break with several players, especially freshman guard Cathy Maurer, standing under the boards and taking charging fouls.

"Cathy Maurer was really our enforcer on that type of deal," Lady Mav Coach Cherri Mankenberg said Saturday night about the NDSU game. "Here she is going against these big bodies coming in and taking charge. She's really coming in and doing a good job for us."

Senior center Sandy Skradski led the UNO scoring with 19 points, the only Lady Mav in double digits. McArthur finished the game hitting 2 of 4 shots from three-point range.

"We knew they were going to come in here and be a powerhouse. They're playing with a tremendous amount of confidence," Mankenberg said. "We got intimidated by them. I guarantee you we'll play them tougher the next time we play them."

In Saturday's game against UND, the Lady Mavs got off to a fast start and took

control of the game from three-point range. Sophomore guard Linda Schabloske and senior forward Marsha Moore hit a combined four three-point plays in the first half.

The Lady Mavs stayed alive by forcing turnovers and hitting the long shot, and went to the half leading North Dakota 35-30.

In the second half, Mankenberg said UNO came out strong on rebounds.

"We came in at halftime and said we've got to hit the offensive boards. We only had one offensive rebound in the first half and our kids answered to the call," Mankenberg said.

Despite the strong play by UNO, the Fighting Sioux came back and tied the game at 47 with 10 minutes left.

UND eventually pulled ahead, but the Lady Mavs were within one point, 57-58, with a little less than a minute on the clock. The Sioux's Tracey Pudenz put the game away with a three-pointer with 56 seconds left and the Lady Mavs couldn't get the shots they needed in the closing seconds.

"This is the most intense we have played all year. I was really proud of the way we played," Mankenberg said. "Everybody filled their role tonight and that was a big key."

Sophomore center Sheri Kleinsasser was the key for UND, finishing the game with 24 points.

Schabloske led the Lady Mavs with 16 points and Moore finished with a total of 14. She also led the team with three successful three-point shots. The Lady Mavs led North Dakota on total rebounds by 10.

Skradski was able to play in Saturday night's game, even though she had an injured shoulder, Mankenberg said.

"She was questionable until right before the game," Mankenberg said.



—Ed Carlson

UNO center Michelle Clifford jumps above three NDSU players, including Slone Benson, No. 50, to grab a rebound.

UNO faces Morningside College and the University of South Dakota on the road Friday and Saturday. Mankenberg said she hopes the team will win at least one of those two games.

"We're just taking one at a time. Morningside is a much improved team," Mankenberg said. "I'd really like to get a

split on the road next week. That would be wonderful.

"We're a much better team than our record. We're probably the best 3-10 team in the country. It's the toughest league in the nation, the North Central Conference, and we've just had some really tough assignments."

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Stubblefield on pace to break school record for steals

UNO senior guard Tony Stubblefield is on a pace that could bring him the school record for steals in a season.

Stubblefield already has 34 steals this year. He needs to top the 66 by Bryan Leach in 1987-88. At this pace, Stubblefield would have 76 steals by the end of the season. He had just 22 steals all of last season.

In other basketball notes, North Dakota State University (NDSU) and the University of North Dakota (UND) increased their overall winning margins against UNO with their victories in the Fieldhouse this past weekend.

NDSU leads the Mavericks 24-18 and UND leads 33-21 in the series history.

An estimated crowd of 3,200 attended Saturday's game

between the Mavericks and UND. Included in that crowd were more than 500 youngsters who demonstrated some of the basketball skills taught during the four clinics they've attended this season as part of UNO's Mini Mavs program.

Women's indoor track team finishes third at Doane

The UNO women's indoor track team finished third among 11 teams at its first meet of the season at Doane College in Crete, Neb., Saturday.

The Mavs finished with 56 points, trailing only Doane, which had 111 points, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) with 74 points. The University of Nebraska at Kearney had 40 points to finish fourth.

Highlighting UNO's performances included the first place finishes of Linda Vondras in the long jump and the 60-yard dash, Maryann Wieberg's first place finish in the 600-yard run and Billie Jo Antisdell's first place performance in the 440-yard dash.

Barb Keefover finished second in the 1-mile run.

The team's next meet will be Saturday at the UNL Open beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Registration begins in February for children's swimming lessons

UNO's campus recreation department will begin registration for swimming lessons for children Feb. 1.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be available in Room 100 in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Building. Registration will last through Feb. 25, with the first classes beginning on Feb. 27.

Classes include parent and tot swim lessons, beginner, intermediate and advanced classes and emergency water safety.

The fee for the classes, which are scheduled through May 1, is \$15 for the first child, with each additional child \$12.50.

Parents must escort children into the building and be available to meet them immediately after the class. Parents must have a current activity card or student I.D.

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the ball back, Elrod drove down the court and shot a 30-footer that fell short at the buzzer.

"We were ready, but we just don't get the luck like the other teams. We haven't won a close game," Hanson said.

"We got the talent, we just got to put it together," Elrod added.

NDSU coach Tom Billeter praised the Maverick effort.

"UNO played extremely well. Their record is not indicative of how good they are," Billeter said.

Billeter criticized the time keeping late in the game. With about three minutes to play, Billeter began arguing with the officials that 17 seconds elapsed before the game clock was turned on following a time out.

"After the game, I told the time keeper he could work for me next year. I would pay him a dollar more than what he makes here," Billeter joked.

Freshman center John Skokan led the

Mavericks' scoring with 13 points, and Elrod scored 12.

The loss gave the Mavericks a 3-9 overall record and 0-4 in the North Central Conference heading into the Saturday's action. After Friday's game, NDSU's record rose to 6-7 and 3-2 in the North Central Conference.

UNO couldn't get things to fall into place Saturday night against the University of North Dakota (UND) Fighting Sioux, losing 81-65. UND came into the game ranked No. 6 in UNO's Division II, though they lost to Northern Colorado the previous evening.

It was a fast start for UNO as they led by six points early in the game.

Senior forward Scott Guldseth, though, jammed an alley-oop at the 15:09 mark to start an unanswered 12-point scoring spree. UNO battled back and were within two points, 27-29, with four minutes to play in the first half. Freshman guard Travis Tuttle, though, kept the Sioux going by hitting three shots from the three-point range.

UND led by 10 at halftime and had two players already in double figures at that time. UNO's Skokan was the only Maverick in double figures at halftime and the Mavericks were leading in rebounds.

Both teams came out evenly in the second half. UNO began a full court press and was successful at creating fouls inside. Stubblefield tried to get the Mavericks fired up with aggressive defensive play, while senior guard Ron Walker got things going on offense.

"He came to play in the second half," Hanson said of Walker. "That's what I talked to him about. Just keep his head up, keep coming, and keep improving now."

All of Walker's 11 points came in the second half. He added three steals.

Tuttle and junior center Chris Gardner, though, were working for UND, with Tuttle scoring from the outside and Gardner with the jams inside. The Mavericks pulled within eight at the 13-minute mark, but couldn't get

the ball through the hoop and fell behind even further.

Guldseth finished the game with 18 points and three steals for the Sioux, followed by Tuttle's 16 points. Senior forward Ray Howard led the Mavericks with 17 points. Skokan finished with 12. The Mavericks finished with seven more rebounds than UND.

"They (UND) shot the ball extremely well from the perimeter," Hanson said. "I thought the defense did a pretty good job, but we're just struggling offensively, struggling to get the ball to go in the hole. Some night one guy does it, the next night another guy has a tough time."

The Mavericks take to the road Friday and Saturday to face Morningside College and the University of South Dakota. Hanson said these will be tough games, but is hoping for some victories.

"We were caught in the same problem last year. We went up there and won two, so you just never know."